

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/23/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20 <sup>21</sup> *Don* 6/14/06
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 8/13/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

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Claims 1-<sup>21</sup>~~20~~ are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fail to teach or fairly suggest in claim 1 "local handshaking means electrically coupled to said peripheral port for simulating communication from the server computing device to the peripheral device if none of said plurality of host computer ports is at said state indicative of the server computing device being coupled thereto" and in claim 17, step (f.) "simulating communication from the server computing device to the peripheral device using said local handshaking means if none of said plurality of host computer ports is at said state indicative of the server computing device being coupled thereto".

The closest prior art of record only teach the following:

US Patent No. 6,957,287, US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0093599, and US Patent Application No 2005/0283563 (all to Lou et al.) teaches a switch for sharing a peripheral with a plurality of computer systems, the switch using USB host emulation programs to enable it to communicate with USB devices such as USB keyboard and USB mice and a USB hub (peripherals). The use of emulation makes the switch appear as a computer to peripheral devices, and enables the switch to communicate with USB devices or USB PCs at the same time [column 2 lines 45-54, paragraph 23, and paragraph 24 in the respective cited references].

US Patent No. 5,752,048 to Antol et al. teaches in a computer, when the computer enters a suspend mode, a device for preventing an operating system from locking up the computer when a suspend or sleep mode is entered by providing a simulation of an idle UART for a peripheral operably connected to the computer [abstract, column 2 lines 35-42].

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David E. Martinez whose telephone number is (571) 272-4152. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fritz M. Fleming can be reached on 571-272-4145. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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